

Current Events Speech

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Purpose:

- To inform the audience about current events in the world.
- To use multimedia to present.
- To sharpen and refine speaking skills.
- To learn to engage the audience in some way.

Directions:

- 1) Prepare a PRESENTATION and accompanying speech on an article that is **dated no more than 5 days** before your speech date (unless it is a cool new innovation). **Presentation time should not exceed 10 minutes.**
- 2) Choose an interesting and of significance Global, National or Local impact story.
- 3) Find your newspaper article (hard copy or online; not a blog or editorial) from a reputable source, such as CBC, BBC, Globe and Mail, Courier, etc. (local news can be castanet).
- 4) Prepare a presentation including relevant maps, short video clip, pictures and relevant details.
- 5) Explain/summarize the article for your audience. Include relevant maps, short video clip, pictures and important details.
- 6) Tell the audience why this is important for them to know about the article- *relate it to the audience*. Must be clear, and relation to audience must be strong. “Because it’s good to know,” is not a clear or strong relation to audience.
- 7) Express your own opinions on it, and issues that surround it. Allow others to do the same.
- 8) *****Include a value added activity such as a questionnaire, poll, sticky note questioning, personal connection story, well executed discussion, etc. MOST IMPORTANT**

Due Date: Whenever you signed up on the side board! **Do not miss your day!**

YOUR Presentation Time: _____

YOUR TOPIC _____ (choose 5 days before)

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Element	Not Meeting	Almost meeting	Meeting	Exceeding
Presentation style - eye-contact, volume and variance of voice, use of effective posture and hand gestures.	Poor – distracting, unclear, quiet, etc.	Some elements present but may not look at audience, be quiet, stiff or move	Solid, clear voice Addresses room Meaningful motions Good stance	Excellent varied volume, includes all, dramatic gestures, powerful stance.
Topic	Not of significance	Of importance, but not that impactful	Well chosen and important	Significant, topical, relevant to our class
Summary	Unclear and disjointed. No significance given	5 W's mostly covered. Little relation to course. Some opinion/significance	All elements of story fairly well presented, vague relation to course. Significance well discussed	Clear, Strong, Precise, relates to course content. Powerful discussion on significance in society
Presentation	No digital media/maps/images/video	Some digital media/maps/images/video and works ok	Digital media/ maps/images/video clear and effective	Seamless, enhancing and well chosen media forms.
Value Added ***	None	Some but not well thought out	Meaningful and inclusive	Enhances story, powerfully chosen

